

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Minor amendments have been made to the Specification. Claims 1-16 as originally filed have been canceled. With this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 17-52 have been added. Applicants respectfully request these changes be entered into the application:

The first requested amendment to the Specification is with respect to Paragraph [0001]. The recitation of the International Application of which U.S. Serial No. 09/890,559 is a National Stage that had been omitted. Applicant also requests amendment of Paragraph [0012]. In this case, it is requested that the mode of administration “intraperitoneally” be removed as this mode is not correct. The two modes of administration are parenterally and enterally, which includes oral and other enteral means such as through the nasogastric tube (as stated in the Specification at Paragraph [0091]). The same reason exists for the requested amendment to Paragraph [0075]. The reason for the error was an incorrect transcription.

The next requested amendment to the Specification is with respect to Paragraph [0073]. In this case, it has been learned that Sasol acquired Condie Chemie GMBH in 2001 and now sells Special Oil 107. *See* [www.sasol.com](http://www.sasol.com) at “sasol history.” It is believed that updating this information will be beneficial to those reviewing the patent.

Finally, it is requested that Paragraph [0079] be amended. The first letter of “Since” beginning the paragraph was inadvertently deleted when the paragraph numbering was added to the specification in order to conform this divisional application with the new formatting rules which came into effect after the parent application was filed.

New Claims 17-52 are presented for examination, and are consonant with the restriction requirement imposed on November 21, 2003 in copending U.S. Application No. 10/371,685 (filed on 21 February 2003), which requirement was directed to a method of treating patients in need of treatment for a cardiac disorder with a seven carbon fatty acid compound, classified in class 514, subclass 547.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of new claims 17-52.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-1260 the additional amount of \$261.00 in payment of the funds required for 29 additional claims filed herein. Please note that Applicant originally paid \$385.00 for a basic filing fee, \$198.00 for 42 claims (22 extra) and \$145.00 for a multiple dependent charge. Applicant also requests that the Official Filing Receipt be amended to reflect the original filing of 42, not 16, claims. A copy of the Filing Receipt is enclosed. If any additional fees are required, please charge the funds to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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